



MEDIA RELEASE

Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Dan Newburn



Contact: Captain Norm Carlton
Public Information Office

Date: April 14, 2008

Ward-1 House Fire 5000 Block of E. Canada

Monday April 14, 2008

Dispatch time 1407

On scene time 1409

Under control 1419

Discarded smoking material started a fire in a chair leaving two homeless this afternoon. The discarded cigarette caused a chair to smolder for several hours. This caused heat to build up melting most of the plastics and depositing heavy soot throughout the house. The fire was extinguished in 10 minutes. The couple will be displaced until repairs can be made.

Estimated damages: \$25,000.00

Cause: Discarded smoking material

Injuries: No injuries noted at the scene

Red Cross: Red Cross was called for assistance

Safety message: Ensure all smoking material is fully extinguished and placed in proper containers for disposal.

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